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OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist State Convention,

HELD AT

OXFORD, CALHOUN COUNTY, ALA.,

November 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, 1869.

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PROCEEDINGS.

OXFORD, Friday, Nov. 12th, 1869.

1. The Convention was called to order at 10½ o'clock, A. M., by the President, Rev. Samuel Henderson, D.D. The 914th Hymn of the Psalmist was sung, the President read the 145th Psalm and the Convention was led in prayer by brother P. H. Mell, of Georgia.

2. On motion of brother P. H. Lundy, Charles Manly was requested to act as Secretary, *pro tempore*. Delegates were then enrolled, as follows :

ASSOCIATIONS.

Alabama.—Rev. P. H. Lundy, Geo. W. McQueen, Rev. D. W. Gwin, Rev. H. C. Townsend, Rev. M. Bishop, Rev. W. W. Lloyd, W. B. Haralson, Rev. E. B. Hardie.

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Pine Barren.—Rev. C. F. Sturgis.

Central.—Rev. G. E. Brewer.

Liberty.—Rev. S. C. Hearn.

Cahaba.—S. J. T. Whatley, J. W. Suttle, Rev. E. B. Teague, Rev. S. R. Freeman, Rev. J. A. Hill.

Tuskaloosa.—J. B. Lowry, Rev. C. Manly.

Canaan.—Rev. A. J. Waldrop, W. H. Wood, T. F. Waldrop, J. M. Franklin, T. L. Robertson.

Shelby.—Rev. J. H. R. Carden, Rev. T. P. Holcombe, Rev. I. T. Tichenor, Rev. T. C. Boykin, J. L. Peters.

Ten Islands.—Rev. T. P. Gwin, Rev. D. P. Williams.

Carey.—Rev. J. P. Shaffer, G. B. Jenkins.

Union.—Rev. W. Ashcraft.

Bethlehem.—Rev. A. Jay.

CHURCHES.

Montgomery, 2d.—Rev. H. C. Townsend.

Siloam.—Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Rev. A. J. Battle, J. A. Melcher, Rev. M. T. Sumner, Rev. I. B. Vaiden.

Tuskaloosa—Rev. C. Manly.

Montevallo.—M. A. Denson.

Greenville.—Rev. P. H. Lundy.

Steep Creek.—Geo. W. McQueen.

Tolladega.—Rev. O. Welch.

Oxford.—Rev. E. T. Smyth.

Tolladega Town.—Rev. J. J. D. Renfro.

Guinesville.—B. F. Smith.

Mt. Zion.—H. S. Darby.

Jacksonville.—Rev. E. T. Read, Jno. Crook, Jas. Crook.

OTHER BODIES.

Ann Hasseltine Society.—Rev. A. J. Battle.

LIFE MEMBERS.

W. B. Haralson, Rev. A. J. Battle, Rev. M. T. Sumner, Rev. S. Henderson, Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Rev. S. G. Jenkins, Rev. W. Wilkes, Rev. I. T. Tichenor, Rev. C. F. Sturgis, D. R. Lide, B. F. Smith.

3. Communications were presented from the Alabama, Bethel, Bethlehem, Canaan, and Union Associations; and from Guinesville, Montevallo, and Siloam Churches; and from Ann Hasseltine Society.

4. In proceeding to the election of officers, brethren T. C. Teasdale and D. Shaver were requested to act as tellers; who, after the balloting, announced the following as elected: Samuel Henderson, President; Charles Manly, Secretary; and S. H. Fowlkes, Treasurer.

5. On motion of brother Lundy, it was agreed that the next half hour, and one half hour each day, beginning at 10 o'clock, be spent in devotional exercises. By request of the President, brother McIntosh conducted the devotions.

6. On motion of brother Lundy, from 9 to 12 o'clock were the hours fixed for the morning session; and from 2 to 4 o'clock, for the afternoon.

7. After prayer by brother Lundy, the body adjourned till 2 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing the 721st Hymn, the Convention joined in prayer with brother A. J. Waldrop.

8. The President announced the following committees—to report at the present session:

Sunday Schools.—M. Bishop, A. J. Battle, J. H. R. Carden.

Temperance.—G. E. Brewer, A. J. Waldrop, O. Welch.

State of Religion.—J. C. Wright, P. H. Lundy, J. W. Suttle, A. J. Waldrop, J. M. Robertson.

Education.—E. B. Teague, W. H. McIntosh, M. T. Sumner, J. J. D. Renfroe, D. W. Gwin.

Foreign Missions.—J. J. D. Renfroe, E. T. Smyth, G. W. McQueen, E. B. Hardie, J. P. Shaffer.

Religious Exercises.—E. T. Smyth, Deacons of Oxford Church, J. W. Suttle, G. W. McQueen.

Domestic Missions.—W. H. McIntosh, H. C. Townsend, T. P. Holcombe.

Nomination of Remaining Officers.—W. B. Haralson, C. R. Cross, J. A. Melcher.

Finance.—B. F. Smith, J. B. Lowry.

Nomination of Preachers for next Session.—J. A. Melcher, S. J. T. Whatley, G. E. Brewer.

Nomination of Delegates to S. B. Convention.—M. T. Sumner, M. Bishop, T. P. Holcombe, J. J. D. Renfroe, A. J. Waldrop.

9. Brethren M. T. Sumner, Cor. Sec. of Domestic Mission Board; A. D. Phillips, representing the Foreign Mission Board; T. C. Teasdale, Cor. Sec. of Sunday School Board, and member of Mississippi Baptist Convention; B. Manly, Professor in S. B. Theological Seminary, and member of South Carolina Baptist Convention; P. H. Mell, President of Southern and Georgia Baptist Conventions; D. Shaver, Editor, and J. J. Toon, Proprietor of CHRISTIAN INDEX AND SOUTH-WESTERN BAPTIST; Josephus Shackelford and G. D. Norris, members of the General Association of North Alabama; and S. R. Freeman, President of Howard College, were recognized in their representative capacities, and invited to seats in the Convention.

10. Brother McIntosh presented the report of the Board of Directors, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

In pursuance of the instruction of the Convention at the last session, the Board of Directors have appropriated, from the fund arising from the sale of the Baptist house of worship in Greensboro, the sum of two thousand dollars, for the purchase of a lot, and the erection thereon of a house of worship, for the colored Baptists of Greensboro and vicinity. The deed to the property was taken in the name of the Convention. As this has given rise to much dissatisfaction among them, we respectfully recommend that the Convention order a transfer of the deed to said colored Baptists, or such persons as they may designate.

Upon receiving intelligence of the death of our venerated brother, the Rev. Dr. B. Manly, believing that we would be carrying out the wishes of this body, we proposed to have delivered during this session of the Convention, a Memorial Sermon of that wise and good man, and have requested the Rev. Samuel Henderson to perform that grateful service.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. McINTOSH, *Chairman.*

The matter of the Greensboro church property, mentioned in the report, was referred to a committee consisting of brethren Haralson, Suttle and Melcher. The remainder of the report was adopted, and the hour of 11 o'clock on Sunday was fixed for the delivery of the sermon in memory of Dr. Basil Manly, Sr.

11. The report of the Trustees of Howard College was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Education. It is as follows :

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

Since the last meeting of the Convention some important changes have been made in this Institution. At the close of the session of 1868-9, President Thornton resigned the position to which he had been called, and which for the time he filled creditably to himself and the College, preferring to confine his labors to those departments of learning for which he is eminently qualified, and which are more in accord with his tastes. For this important and responsible trust, the Board of Trustees, with flattering unanimity, selected the Rev. S. R. Freeman, a graduate of the College, and a gentleman distinguished for his practical wisdom, and sound scholarly and theological attainments. The selection has met with general approval from the denomination and the public. The following gentlemen compose the Faculty :

S. R. Freeman, President, and Professor of Moral and Mental Sciences and Political Economy ; E. Q. Thornton, Professor of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Natural History and Modern Languages ; I. U. Dill, Professor of Latin and Greek Languages and Literature ; John H. Jones, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy ; I. B. Vaiden, Professor and Principal of Preparatory Department.

More competent instructors are not to be found in any institution in the country.

It will be noticed that Prof. A. B. Goodhue, who has been identified with the past history of the College, is not mentioned in the present Faculty. It is due to him that the Board acknowledge his valuable services, and express their appreciation of him as a faithful, efficient, and successful instructor.

In addition to the regular classical and scientific course, the theological feature of the College is restored ; instruction in that department being a part of President Freeman's duties. There are now five young brethren in College taking a course preparatory to entering the ministry, with the prospect of others. To this we would call the special attention of the Convention and the Churches, that young men looking to

the ministry may be encouraged, and that provision may be made to aid such as have not the means of prosecuting their studies.

The number of students in attendance has already been largely increased, having registered 149, with several upon the ground who have not yet formally entered.

For a statement of the finances of the College we refer you to the report of last year, there having been no material change. The present condition is embarrassing. As heretofore made known to the Convention, most of the endowment has been certainly lost. To the earnest appeals of the Board to those indebted to the College, who have the means of paying a part, if not the whole of their indebtedness, to agree upon some compromise that would be just to themselves and to the College, but few responses have been made. In a few cases, generally such as would soon become void without some action of the Board, suits have been reluctantly commenced. The Board are still ready to compromise these claims upon the most equitable terms. There are debts due by the College as well as to it, and these must be provided for, if we would preserve it.

Without an endowment, at the present rates of tuition, the College cannot be made self-sustaining, and the impoverished condition of the country will not, in our opinion, justify for the present, higher rates. Another instructor is now required, and should the usual ratio of increase prevail during the session, still additional force will be needed. Students preparing for the ministry pay no tuition. Some claim and receive the benefit of scholarships. The income, therefore, arising from tuition, is insufficient to meet expenses absolutely necessary. Could the President's salary be secured independent of the tuition, allowing that to be appropriated to the payment of the Professors, we believe that there would be no difficulty in sustaining the College with credit to the denomination. This can be done only by voluntary contribution, and we therefore recommend to the Convention, that the sum of \$2,000 be raised, in such way as the Convention may think best for this object.

We cannot close this report without a grateful acknowledgment of the kind providence of the God of Heaven in preserving this Institution through the severe trials it has encountered, and humbly invoking his continued protection in the future, that its blessings may be perpetuated to the end of time.

The term of office of the following members of the Board of Trustees will expire at your approaching session, viz: W. H. McIntosh, E. A. Blunt, E. Fagan, J. H. Lee, Jon. Haralson, John Moore, S. R. Freeman, and L. M. Stone.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. McINTOSH, *President.*

12. Very interesting and impressive reports of the State of Religion in their neighborhoods, were made by bretheren J. P. Shaffer, of Carey Association, J. H. R. Carden, of Shelby, A. J. Waldrop, of Canaan, and A. D. Phillips; after which it was agreed to resume these reports on to-morrow afternoon.

13. On motion, the noon intermission was ordered to be shortened one-half hour; and the hour of 11 o'clock to-morrow was appropriated to a consideration of the interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Adjourned, after prayer by brother Bishop.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother Geo. E. Brewer, from II Cor. v: 20. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God."

SATURDAY, NOV. 13th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was opened with prayer by brother Josephus Shackelford.

14. The minutes of the preceding day were read, and the list of Delegates and Correspondents was completed. Rev. G. W. Potter, missionary in Cherokee Association, and Rev. H. T. Spalding, of Gadsden Church, were recognized as visitors and invited to seats.

15. The report of the Trustees of Judson Female Institute was read, and referred to the Committee on Education. It is as follows:

REPORT ON JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

It is with a grateful sense of our obligations to our Heavenly Father, that we are privileged to report to the Convention the continued prosperity of the Institute. Since your last annual convocation, a happy change has come over our lately stricken land, and the quickening influence of returning financial prosperity has been felt, in the increase of our numbers, and the general improvement of our affairs.

The registry of the Institute, during the scholastic year ending July 2d, 1869, exhibited an attendance of *one hundred and fifty* pupils. The health of the young ladies was excellent, not a single disease of a serious character having occurred. The proficiency of the classes was creditable. The public exercises of Commencement—the 31st in the series—attended by an unusually large concourse of visitors, fully met the expectations of our friends, and sustained the high reputation of the Institute. Eighteen graduates received diplomas—fifteen of the Senior Class, in the first degree, and three Excelsiors, in the second degree. These will add lustre to the distinguished circle of Alumni, whom the Institute cherishes as its jewels. The examinations were thorough, impartial and highly satisfactory. The exhibition of the department of Fine Arts attracted much attention and applause, and has, perhaps, never

been equaled in the State. The musical entertainments gave delight to crowded audiences, and were pronounced not inferior to the best concerts our celebrated department has ever given. We but express the unanimous sentiment of fair and competent judges, when we render this tribute to the merits of our school. It is the unflinching purpose of the Trustees and President of the Institute, to maintain an *unrivaled* standard of education, to place the Judson on a still higher plane of usefulness, to make it more worthy of public confidence, and to enhance its title to be called the pride of the Baptist denomination. The long experience, and large patronage the Institute has enjoyed, enables it to offer advantages possessed by few schools in the whole country, and this enviable character we are, with the continued blessing of God, determined to sustain and advance.

The session now in progress was opened October 4th, with an encouraging patronage. Already (Nov. 10th,) one hundred and sixty-five names have been catalogued, which is an increase of more than 50 *per centum*, over the number registered at the corresponding period of the preceding session. The Board of Instruction and Government, consists of thirteen officers of unsurpassed ability. The President, Rev. A. J. Battle, is supported by such Professors as A. B. Goodhue, E. Q. Thornton and T. A. Wurm, and a corps of ladies of the finest accomplishments, several being graduates of the Institute. The Home Department continues in charge of our excellent brother, David R. Lide, assisted by his lady and Mrs. Patton, as Matron. Mrs. Daniel still presides as Governess.

With the support which the Baptists of Alabama can give to this, the school of the Convention, it may, in a very short time, become the rival, in numbers, appointments and influence, of the munificently endowed Vassar College, of New York.

PORTER KING,

Pres. of Board of Trustees.

16. The Report of the Committee on Education was read; and on motion, it was made the special order for 7 o'clock, this night; and brethren Freeman and Tichenor were especially requested to address the Convention, in reference to Howard College, and other matters contained in the report.

17. The hour for devotional exercises having arrived, brother Lundy conducted the services for half an hour.

18. On motion of brother Battle, a Committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention, and to report during the present session. The Committee appointed were brethren Battle, Haralson and Tichenor.

19. The Committee on Nomination of remaining officers of the Convention, were ordered to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Howard College.

20. The Committee on Temperance reported; and the report was laid on the table.

21. The Committee on the Greensboro Church property reported. During the consideration of this subject, the hour for the special order arrived, when Rev. Dr. Basil Manly addressed the Convention, giving an account of the origin, plan of operation and immediate wants of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Greenville, S. C. The sum of \$205, in cash, for meeting expenses of students in the Seminary, and one bond of \$125, payable in five annual instalments, were contributed by various persons.

The Convention then took recess, after prayer by brother H. T. Spalding, till 1½ o'clock, P. M.

1½ O'CLOCK, P.M.

The business was resumed with prayer by brother J. H. R. Carden.

22. The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Greensboro Church property being in order, the report was amended and adopted as follows:

GREENSBORO CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Report of the Board of Directors upon the subject of making a transfer to the colored Baptist Church in Greensboro, Hale county, Alabama, of the titles to a certain lot of land in that town, recently executed to the Convention, beg leave to report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the President of the Convention be authorized and empowered, and that he is hereby instructed, to make a deed to the aforesaid property, to Trustees to be selected by the colored Baptist Church at Greensboro, Hale county, Ala.

W. B. HARALSON, }
JOHN W. SUTTLE, } Com.
J. A. MELCHER, }

23. The Committee to nominate preachers for the next session reported, and their report was laid on the table.

24. The remainder of the report of the Board of Directors was, on motion, adopted.

25. The Committee to nominate remaining officers reported as follows:

We nominate Rev. W. H. McIntosh, for *1st Vice President*; Rev. E. B. Teague, for *2d Vice President*; and Rev. Charles Manly, for *Corresponding Secretary*.

For Directors—Rev. A. J. Battle, Rev. M. T. Sumner, Hon. John Moore, J. B. Lovelace, J. H. Lee, D. R. Lide, Rev. I. B. Vaiden, Hon. J. F. Bailey, and E. A. Blunt.

For Trustees of Howard College—Rev. W. H. McIntosh, E. A. Blunt,

J. G. Apsey, J. H. Lee, Jon. Haralson, Hon. John Moore, Hon. Porter King, Hon. L. M. Stone.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HARALSON, } Com.
C. N. CROSS,

The report of the Committee was adopted.

26. The Committee on Foreign Missions made a report, which, after some interesting statements by brother A. D. Phillips, was laid on the table till Monday night, to be made the subject of special consideration at that time.

27. The Treasurer's Report was referred to an auditing Committee consisting of brethren Tichenor and Wilkes.

28. The Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was then read by brother McIntosh, and is as follows:

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The question is pertinent to the times, what is to be the future moral condition and destiny of our land? He is a superficial observer of passing events, who does not discern the dangers lurking in ambush and threatening the vitality of spiritual religion, upon the very fields which the friends of Jesus considered won to Christianity. He is a careless reader of the "signs of the times," whose heart has not been startled by the painful presentiment, that our country is yet to be the battlefield of the world for Christ or Belial; and that where our fathers reared their rude altars in the shades of the forests and by the watchfires of the savage, our children shall witness the grandest struggles and the sublimest victories of faith in modern times, or the removal, as from the ancient churches of Asia, of the candlesticks out of their places. The enemies of the cross are never still, nor does the light of history reveal a time when they were more active than the present. The effects of the demoralization incident to war, are too apparent to be of doubtful existence.

Lost fortunes and slain battalions of the strong and hopeful, are not all over which humanity weeps. The absence of that delicate sense of virtue which shrinks from contact with vice, loose views of moral character and conduct, intemperance and skepticism, are the melancholy developments in the train of evils that sweep over the land, terrible as the tornado and almost as irresistible. Romanism, in the thin disguise of Ritualism, insensibly sapping what there is of spiritual life wherever the baleful influence comes, brazenly flaunting her banner from every citadel of her strength, is boasting of her power, and pressing her encroachments upon the truth wherever she can find a place to stand upon, or a heart to be betrayed by her arrogance and her sorceries.

To meet these enemies, we have only the gospel; but it is the "glorious gospel of the blessed God," and mighty through God to the "pulling down of strongholds." "Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God" unto salvation to them that believe. The preached

word is God's instrumentality to reach the heart and to save the soul—simple but potent,—the only conservator of the spirituality of the Christian religion. To accomplish this divine mission, the gospel must reach the masses of mankind; to reach them, the living preacher must be sent with the blessed accompaniments, the Sabbath School, the tract and religious journal. The strongest barrier we can raise against the advancing hosts of darkness, is the "truth as it is in Jesus," firmly maintained, and, with an unfaltering faith in its power, earnestly proclaimed. The only weapon for defense or aggression is "the sword of the Spirit," and by every motive that love to Christ inspires, we are urged to grasp it, and press the controversy to its final issue. "Beginning at Jerusalem," reads the great commission. Our country is our Jerusalem. Here are sacrifices to be made, and hardness to be endured, and harvests to be gathered, and victories to be won for Jesus. Shall we accept the trust, perform the work, and wait for our reward? There can be but one reply from every consecrated heart. Let that reply take the shape of a purpose in the strength that God shall give, to do what we can that "the poor" may "have the gospel preached unto them."

And to this end let it be

Resolved, That to the extent of our ability, the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention shall be sustained.

W. H. McINTOSH, }
H. C. TOWNSEND, } *Com.*
T. P. HOLCOMBE, }

The regular order of business—the hearing of Reports on the State of Religion—was suspended, to consider the Report on Domestic Missions. After an address by brother Sumner, \$302 30 were subscribed for Indian Missions. The Report was then adopted.

29. Brother S. C. Hearn stated that \$150 had been sent by him from Liberty Association for Domestic Missions in the State of Alabama, and asked what he should do with the money. He was, on motion, authorized to pay it to the Finance Committee.

30. The Committee on Sunday Schools read a Report, which was, after some remarks by various brethren, re-committed for further consideration; and brethren Boykin, Brewer and Teague, were added to the Committee.

31. On motion of brother McIntosh, the hour of 11 o'clock A. M., on Monday, was appointed to consider the Report on Sabbath Schools; and Dr. T. C. Teasdale, Corresponding Secretary of Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention, was invited to address the Convention at that time.

Adjourned with prayer by brother J. A. Collins.

SATURDAY, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met and was opened with prayer by Dr. Basil Manly.

32. The Report on Education was again read, and addresses were made by brethren Freeman, Tichenor, Mell, Boykin, and Sumner, in connection with which \$1,164 80 were subscribed, payable the 1st of July next, for the purposes mentioned in the Report, which is as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The question is becoming a mooted one, in various quarters, whether education and religion shall be allied or divided. In Prussia, popular education is provided for by taxation, and attendance on the public schools made compulsory. The Prussian system has its advocates in this country. This is not the time or place, perhaps, to canvass the compulsory system, but the question of divorcing religion and education, may fairly be regarded as one coming, in some sort, before the friends of education everywhere. The propriety of a union of mental and moral, and religious training, until the last fifty years, was universally supposed to be settled in the affirmative. Almost all our American Colleges had a religious origin. But, at present, a change is taking place in popular opinion, upon such subjects. The office of preacher to the University has been abolished in Harvard College, and the expediency of discontinuing prayers is under advisement; while the Bible and prayers have both been excluded from the public schools in Illinois. The last Legislature of New York, made a large appropriation to the Romish schools in that State, under the provisions of a law only in semblance impartial, to quiet a twenty years' clamor against the use of King James' version of the Scriptures, alleged by the Roman Catholic Church to be sectarian.

The question is fairly before us, therefore, whether, as a denomination, we shall maintain Christian schools. Our fathers have thought it was our bounden duty. With this idea were founded the Judson Female Institute, the Howard College, the East Alabama Female College, the LaFayette Female College, and, more recently, the Alabama Central Female College, at Tuscaloosa; the two first-named institutions under the auspices of this Convention. Are we convinced of the wisdom of our fathers in this matter? If so, what do we propose in the future to do? Shall we not practically agree with our predecessors, and while maintaining, these and other Christian schools, secure to our posterity the incidental improvement and progress of our denomination, as representing what we conceive to be the purest form of religious development? Neighboring States are getting in advance of us. Virginia has contributed or obligated herself to contribute, a hundred thousand dollars to the endowment of Richmond College, since the war, besides we know not how much to the establishment and support of other institutions. Missouri has raised about fifty thousand dollars for the endowment of Wil-

liam Jewell College. The General Association of Middle Tennessee and North Alabama, is largely and rapidly increasing the funds of Union University. Our Methodist brethren are maintaining two Male Colleges in the State, both of them, we believe, very successfully in respect of patronage, and one of them, in respect of finances and patronage. Shall we not emulate these noble examples? Shall we not at least send our sons and daughters in yet larger numbers to the Howard and the Judson, and to all our denominational schools? Not a few of them have hitherto been sent out of the State, to institutions in no way superior to those at home—sometimes to those of other denominations, and even to Roman Catholic Convents.

The Howard has a Faculty consisting of a President and four Professors well qualified for their posts, good buildings, apparatus and libraries; is surrounded by as wholesome and reliable religious and moral influences as any institution in the land, and is prepared to compete with any College in the country in supplying the wants of all who propose to themselves the advantages of the usual *curriculum*—a course quite extensive enough for the time and means of most students, likely to think of the higher education. Besides, young brethren having the ministry in view, may, under the tuition of the able and experienced President, pursue such a comprehensive course of theological study, as shall fit them for ministerial work. We are glad to record the evidence of appreciation afforded in the large number of *matriculants* and students, now in attendance on the College.

It is almost needless to say, that no institution affords advantages superior to those to be found in the time-honored, and far-famed Judson. President Battle's adaptedness for his position is universally recognized, and with fifteen coadjutors, in all the departments, nothing is left to be desired. Among these are the widely-known and long-tried Professors Wurm, Goodhue, Thornton, and the accomplished *artistes*, Miss Julia Spear, and Miss Zitella Cocke. It is indeed almost invidious to distinguish any portion of the corps of Instruction, and we base what we have said in that regard wholly on longer services.

The Central Female College at Tuscaloosa, occupying the fine property once the State House of Alabama, improved by a large outlay, and leased for ninety-nine years, is under the direction of two brethren as associate principals, Revs. J. H. Foster and Charles Manly, whose names are a guarantee of everything that could be wished.

The East Alabama Female College, originally costing, fixtures and all, over fifty thousand dollars, we are happy to learn has, through the labors of the indefatigable President, Rev. H. E. Brooks, recently secured nearly \$3,000 towards re-purchasing the property not long since sold under a mortgage, and that there is every reason to believe the remaining \$4,000, required, will speedily be realized; as also that the present term opens most favorably. There is no better locality for an institution of the kind, in the State or the South.

The institution at Lafayette, has generally enjoyed a good patronage, and might, in its favorable locality, be maintained at a high point.

There is also a Baptist School at Moulton.

Whether the time has come or not, to put on foot fresh and liberal plans for further endowing the Howard,—the great question next to the immediate efforts to supply the destitution of the gospel in the State and the South,—is not for us to determine. Your Committee feel deeply convinced, however, that it should not long be deferred.

If such a man as Dr. Poindexter, of Virginia, or Dr. Rambaut of Missouri, were put into the field as an agent, we are sanguine that something effectual could be done, at least within a few years. Meantime, it is expecting much to hope, that the Faculty of the College will be content to occupy their present position of risk for many years. A few schools, a very few, have, for a limited time, competed without endowment with their more favored sisters. This temporary success, it is believed, has been due to extraordinary abilities, happy conjunctures, and a self-denial rarely to be expected. Shall the Christian education of our children be left to the self-denial and sacrifices of a few, whose responsibilities are no greater than ours? Or, shall we, with one mind and one heart, come to the rescue, and assure ourselves, that in one regard, at least, we are not living in vain?

In view of the present necessity for an additional member of the Faculty of Howard College, and of providing for the repair of the buildings and the salary of the President, as shown by the Report of the Board of Trustees,—

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this Report, pledges be taken of the members of this Convention and its friends, in the sum of \$50 each, payable on the day of the next annual commencement, until the amount shall reach \$3,000, or as nearly that amount as possible—one thousand dollars to be appropriated to repairs, and the remaining two thousand to the payment of the President's salary, or in proportion to these sums so far as realized.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. TEAGUE, *Chairman*.

The Report was then, on motion, adopted.

33. A Committee, consisting of brethren Teague, Jay and Bishop, was appointed to report on the propriety of sending an agent for Howard College into the field.

Adjourned with prayer by brother C. F. Sturgis.

LORD'S DAY, Nov. 14th.

At 9½ o'clock, A. M., addresses were delivered to the Baptist Sunday School, by brethren Boykin and Gwin; and to the Presbyterian and Methodist, by brethren C. Manly and Townsend.

At 11 o'clock, in the Baptist house of worship, the Memorial Sermon of Dr. B. Manly, Sr., was preached by brother S. Henderson, from John v: 35; in the Presbyterian, a Sermon by brother D. Shaver,

from II Cor. v : 10; in the Methodist, a Sermon to the colored people, by brother S. G. Jenkins.

At 2 o'clock, P.M., a Sunday School Mass Meeting was held in the Baptist Church, addressed by brethren Tichenor and Teasdale, at the close of which \$35 was contributed for furnishing "Kind Words" to destitute portions of the country. At the same hour, brother J. A. Collins preached to the colored people.

At 7 o'clock, P.M., Dr. Mell preached a Sermon from John vi : 37.

MONDAY, NOV. 15.—9 o'clock, A.M.

The exercises were begun with singing, and prayer by brother A. Jay.

34. The preceding minutes were read and approved—the list of delegates being still further completed.

35. On motion of brother Renfroe, it was agreed that amounts paid at any time in the course of the year to the various objects of this Convention, should be reported to the Clerk, to be incorporated in the minutes, and that such amounts be considered a proper basis of representation in this body.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Spalding, pastor of Gadsden Church, was recognized as a visitor and cordially invited to a seat in the Convention.

36. On motion of brother Teague, the regular order (of devotional exercises) was suspended, and business was proceeded with—the Convention believing that business is devotion.

37. The Report on Temperance was called from the table, and after some explanatory remarks by various brethren, adopted, as follows :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that the subject of Temperance has been so often presented by the pen, from the pulpit and rostrum, that nothing new remains to be shown. It will be sufficient to remind the brethren that we are exhorted, in the word of God, "to live *soberly*, righteously, and godly in this present world;" and that the ambassadors of Christ are particularly instructed to use wine only in the clearest cases of necessity, for bodily health, and then but a *little*. I Tim. iii : 3, and v : 23.

Wine and strong drink are to be used only for those purposes where actual benefit will arise therefrom. When used in any other way it is, like eating merely to gratify the taste, worshipping at the shrine of a god within us. Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. BREWER, *Chairman*.

38. The following resolutions, offered by brother Battle, were adopted,

after remarks by the mover, and brethren Sturgis, Brewer, Shaver, Toon, Wilkes, McIntosh, Mell and Haralson:

Resolved, 1. That, as a Convention, we commend, anew, the CHRISTIAN INDEX AND SOUTH-WESTERN BAPTIST to the generous confidence and patronage of the Baptists of Alabama. Occupying, as it does, the place of our former State organ, it deserves, by its admirable conduct and superior ability, the support and encouragement of the denomination in the State.

Resolved, 2. That we congratulate the readers of the paper on the occupancy of the editorial chair by Dr. D. Shaver, a writer of profound and varied learning, of familiar acquaintance with all subjects of interest and importance to the denomination, and of distinguished skill and ability in the discussion and vindication of the great principles of Gospel truth.

Resolved, 3. That the INDEX AND BAPTIST is peculiarly valuable as a family newspaper, and it should be introduced into every household of our great Baptist communion.

Resolved, 4. That we, the delegates present at this Convention, will use our personal influence to extend the circulation of the paper in our respective localities, so that the paper may become more fully the representative of the Baptist denomination in Alabama.

39. The Reports of the Trustees of Howard College and Judson Female Institute, appearing above, were adopted and ordered to be printed.

40. The Report on Sunday Schools being the special order, it was read by brother Boykin. Brethren B. Manly and T. C. Teasdale addressed the Convention, and \$101.25 were subscribed for stereotype plates of a Library Book, to be issued by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Convention then adjourned till half-past one o'clock. Brother Jenkins leading in prayer.

MONDAY, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer by brother A. M. Spalding.

The consideration of the Report on Sunday Schools was resumed, and, after \$13.55 were provided for purposes mentioned in the second resolution of the report, it was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

While it is evident that Baptists have not by any means come up to the full measure of their duty in regard to the Sunday School work, yet it is a gratifying fact that our brethren report an increased interest on the subject in many of our Associations; and almost every church, so far as we can learn, feels and expresses an earnest desire to maintain a

successful school. But it is not done. We are perhaps safe in saying that not half of our churches have Sunday Schools.

It becomes us, therefore, to give the subject a more thoughtful and prayerful consideration, and to endeavor to discover the causes of failure, and as far as we are able, apply the remedy.

While the causes of failure are numerous, we will mention only two, which seems to us the most prominent:

First, The want of energy and perseverance, without which no enterprise can succeed.

Second, The want of information as to the best methods of management and instruction.

The former is left to the churches to supply, as best they can. We believe, however, that men, possessing these qualities to a greater or less degree, will be raised up in every church, in answer to faithful and earnest prayer. The latter may be secured by the study of our Sunday School Literature, and especially of Sunday School periodicals.

We do most heartily recommend Pastors, Superintendents and Teachers to subscribe to some of the valuable Sunday School teachers' papers published in various parts of the country. There are few instrumentalities more potent in stimulating the zeal, warming the hearts, and informing the minds of Sunday School teachers.

Your Committee also believe that if more attention were given to this matter by the Associations, the number and efficiency of the schools would be greatly increased. We recommend that the Associations request the churches to send always, in their annual letters, reports of Sunday Schools.

Without saying more, your Committee ask the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, in order to prosecute the Sunday School work more efficiently, it is necessary to collect full and accurate information in regard to the work—Therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That brethren H. C. Townsend, A. Jay, G. F. Williams, T. C. Boykin, H. T. Spalding and C. Manly, be appointed a Committee on Statistics, whose duty it shall be to gather all the information they can, in regard to Sunday Schools in the bounds of the Convention, and who shall endeavor to promote the cause of Sabbath Schools in any way they may be able, and report to the next session of this body.

Resolved, 2. That \$25 be appropriated, by the Convention, for this purpose.

Resolved, 3. That a portion of the time of each annual session of the Convention should be set apart for the consideration of the Sabbath School work.

41. The Committee to nominate delegates to the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, to meet in Louisville, Ky., in May, 1870, reported the following names, which were chosen, viz:

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

S. Henderson, H. C. Townsend, J. M. Faulkner, A. Howard, E. B. Teague, G. E. Brewer, E. T. Smyth, J. Headen, W. Wilkes, R. Figh, B. F. Smith, F. H. Moss, A. C. Hearn, C. A. Stanton, J. J. Cloud, W. E. Lloyd, W. A. Mason, W. H. Carroll, C. A. Battle, J. S. Paullin, M. B. Wharton, J. G. Shorter, P. M. Callaway, P. H. Lundy, J. E. Bell, M. Bishop, D. Lee, A. C. Barron, I. T. Tichenor, T. C. Boykin, J. M. Brooks, O. D. Cox, J. C. Wright, A. P. Bush, W. Ashcraft, L. L. Fox, W. H. McIntosh, A. J. Battle, S. R. Freeman, J. C. Foster, C. Manly, J. H. Foster, S. C. Tramill, W. W. Waller, T. H. Watts, W. P. Chilton, B. B. Davis, D. W. Gwin, J. W. Suttle, L. W. Lawler, T. P. Miller, W. N. Reeves, J. R. Malone, C. W. Hare, P. King, G. F. Williams, Jos. Shackleford, A. B. Woodfin, C. E. Thames, H. T. Spalding, J. A. Hill, J. A. Collins, J. A. Melcher, A. J. Waldrop, E. B. Hardie, J. P. Shaffer, W. B. Haralson, J. T. Murfee, D. Manasco, R. F. Manly, G. W. Clements, O. Welch, W. A. Welch, W. W. Wilkerson, C. C. Huckabee, J. W. Crenshaw, J. B. Lovelace, J. H. Lee, W. B. Modawell, M. W. Hand, A. Jay, N. M. Carpenter, T. P. Holcombe, J. J. D. Renfroe, M. T. Sumner, G. W. McQueen, W. C. Cleveland, B. H. Crumpton, A. M. Spalding, S. G. Jenkins, P. M. Musgrove, C. F. Sturgis, A. A. Connella, John Gamble.

The Secretary was instructed to add the names of the Committee, and of such others as may be reported, to complete the delegation from this body.

42. The Committee on Howard College Agency reported as follows, and the report was adopted, viz:

HOWARD COLLEGE AGENCY.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of an Agency for Howard College, beg leave to report:

1. That the Convention recommend the appointment of a suitable Agent by the Board of Trustees.
2. That the expediency of an earnest effort to secure a further endowment of the Institution of not less than \$50,000, is manifest.
3. That the plan for securing the proposed endowment, and the salary of the Agent, be determined by the Board making the appointment.

E. B. TEAGUE, *Chairman*.

43. The Committee on the Constitution and Rules of Order reported, and after various amendments, the report was adopted, as it appears on the pages immediately preceding the proceedings.

44. The Auditing Committee reported that the Treasurer's Report was correct, whereupon it was ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M., after prayer by brother Lundy.

MONDAY, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met and was opened with prayer by brother Brewer.

45. The Report on Foreign Missions, and a letter from brother J. B. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, were read by brother Renfroe, and the letter ordered to be appended to the Report. Brother A. D. Phillips then gave an interesting account of his labors in Africa, after which a collection for Foreign Missions was made, amounting to \$141.95, in cash, and \$37, on subscription. The Report was then adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great missionary work of the Churches of our Lord is *one* work. The home and foreign fields, under the blessed Christ, are one. The Messiah is made head, over all things, to His Church. The field is the world, and He has commanded His people to preach the Gospel to every creature in all the world. The same commands which order and authorize us to preach to our Churches and the domestic field, require that we should sound out the word of the Lord to the ends of the earth. "For so the Lord hath commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth."

What a wonderful work—what a glorious enterprise—what an exalted honor and distinction is this; "that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth!" Now, brethren,

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high;
Shall we, to men benighted,
The lamp of life deny?"

It has sometimes been assumed that Foreign Missions have proved a failure. This is, perhaps, now the most injurious objection that is urged against this work of faith. Suppose it were true that, up to this date, the great missionary enterprise had been attended with no success; still it would be our duty to obey our Redeemer, and carry the Gospel of peace to every people under heaven. But missions have not been a failure. They have, in many instances, been a great success.

Eighty-one years ago Carey felt called from his cobbler's bench to be a missionary to the heathen. That was the beginning of the modern missionary movement. Now, there are among Baptists and Protestants 42 societies, with 1,800 missionaries engaged in giving the Gospel to the heathen. Where Carey and Judson planted the cross, there are now thousands of Christians, and of these not less than 15,000 are Baptists. And in other places there are numbers of Baptists, sufficient to amount, in all, to 40,000 souls. Not to particularize further, we may safely say, that many places—vast districts of the earth, which were, but a few years ago, wholly ignorant of Jesus and the true God—are now largely influenced by Christianity, as a result of Christian missions.

The missionary labors of our own Foreign Board have not been a failure, while the success of these missions has not been what we have desired; and is not this true of all our enterprises? Yet, amid their many trials and privations and arduous labors, our faithful missionaries, in heathen lands, have had much to encourage them. They have seen many rejoice in the faith of Jesus Christ; they have organized quite a goodly number of Churches, and almost every letter which is received from them by the Board, brings the glad news of additional conversions and baptisms in China and Africa. The supposition that Foreign Missions have not been attended with a good measure of success, finds its being in a want of information on the subject.

The Foreign Board now find it necessary to re-inforce their foreign missionaries. They need men, and they need money. This is our own Board, and our own work in common with our whole Southern Zion, and it is important that our duties to this Board be promptly discharged.

And for all needed information in regard to our Foreign Mission work, we recommend that our brethren circulate the *Home and Foreign Journal*, the organ of our Mission Boards, published at Richmond, Va.

J. J. D. RENFROE, *Chairman*.

RICHMOND, Nov. 2nd, 1869.

To the Alabama Baptist Convention :

DEAR BRETHREN : KNOWING that you are united in the great principle of showing forth the Divine glory, in the spread of the precious Gospel, I venture to request that you will, in your consultations, give special prominence to the interests of your Foreign Mission Board. To this Board has been committed, by Southern Baptists, the work of sounding out the word of the Lord in heathen lands. It is in the power of our Churches, both in respect to men, and the means of sustaining them, to send scores of well qualified proclaimers of the Gospel among the perishing of the earth. The Board have done all they could, and they rejoice to know that their labor is not in vain in the Lord. But the time has come when the Providence of God demands a large reinforcement of their missions. Not to advance will be to retrograde in their work. Shall this be permitted; and at a time when wide doors are opening for the ministrations of the Gospel among millions of idolaters? It must not be. It is the desire of the Board to have every Church and every Church member interested in this work. An average of *one cent a week* for every one of our brethren and sisters within the limits of your body, would aggregate a sufficient sum to sustain a mission station among the heathen. And how easily this could be done, if all hearts were affected by the condition of a lost world, and constrained by the love of Christ.

Will you not, dear brethren, arrange to bring about, if possible, this result? The apostolic order to *every one*, "to lay by him in store, on the first day of the week, as God has prospered him," ought to be honestly and earnestly regarded. Cannot some method be adopted of securing small but frequent contributions from the members of the Churches?

Praying that the Great Head of the Church may be with you in your convocation, I remain yours fraternally,

JAS. B. TAYLOR, *Cor. Sec.*

46. Brother A. J. Battle introduced the following resolutions in reference to the *Memorial Sermon of Dr. B. Manly, Sr.*

Resolved, 1. That this Convention appreciates and approves the clear, able and eloquent sermon, by the Rev. Dr. Henderson, commemorative of the character and usefulness of our lamented brother and father, Rev. Basil Manly, D.D., delivered before this body on yesterday; and that the said discourse be requested for publication in pamphlet form.

Resolved, 2. That — copies of the sermon be ordered, and that the publication and distribution of the same be placed in charge of the Board of Directors of this Convention.

Resolved, 3. That, as a fitting tribute of our affectionate remembrance of our deceased brother Manly, and with the desire to erect some enduring and useful memorial of him, this Convention do now inaugurate the enterprise of building an additional structure for the especial accommodation of the students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Greenville, S. C., which shall stand as a monument raised by Alabama Baptists, to the worth of the first President of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary.

Resolved, 4. That, to this end, as an initiative step, a subscription be raised at the present meeting, and the delegates composing this body be urged to bring this subject before their Churches and Associations, during the ensuing Conventional year.

The resolutions were adopted, with instructions to the Board of Directors to publish the sermon when they have means in hand for that purpose; and the securing of subscriptions for the Monumental Building was referred to brother E. B. Teague.

47. The Report on the State of Religion was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

The data from which to form an opinion on the subject submitted to us, are the accounts frequently published in our papers of coldness or prosperity, in particular localities and individual Churches; the statements made by brethren of the Convention, and our personal knowledge in our own immediate localities. From the facts and knowledge thus obtained, we rejoice in the belief that our Churches are in a better condition than they have been for the last few years. It is, however, true, that in many sections of the State there is great destitution. Churches, once a power in the land, have been dissolved, their light has been extinguished, and many have no living ministers to break to them the bread of life, and invite erring mortals to Jesus, the Lamb of God. It saddens our hearts that we are compelled to make such admissions, but our pulse beats with a quicker and prouder tone as we gaze upon another future. In a large portion of this, our much loved land, our brethren have been revived, Churches are putting on their strength, are locating ministers in their midst, and marshaling their forces for a firm, regular and persistent rencounter with the powers of darkness. We sincerely hope,

and confidently believe, that, in a short time, we shall have regained all that has been lost.

It is true, that some of our wisest and best men have passed away, but God will raise up others to unfurl the banner of Jesus, and lead His hosts onward to victory. If our brethren could be induced to forget the things that are behind, then would they press forward to those that are in the future. Let us hope and pray.

P. H. LUNDY, *For the Committee.*

In connection with the consideration of the preceding Report, brother A. J. Waldrop made interesting statements, and an earnest appeal in reference to Elyton, as a centre of influence that should be at once occupied; whereupon, \$100 was contributed for the especial benefit of our denominational interests in that town; and several brethren agreed to visit Elyton and preach there during the ensuing Conventional year.

48. The Committee on Finance made their Report which was referred to an Auditing Committee, consisting of brethren Sturgis and Jay.

49. On motion, it was determined that the next meeting of the Convention be held at Opelika, on the Railroad between Montgomery and West Point, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1870.

50. The Report of the Committee to nominate a preacher of the Introductory Sermon, next year, was taken from the table and adopted, as follows:

PREACHER FOR NEXT SESSION.

The Committee beg leave to nominate Rev. D. W. Gwin, as *principal*, and Rev. Charles Manly, as *alternate*, to preach the next Introductory Sermon. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MELCHER, *Chairman.*

51. The Secretary was directed to have printed in the Minutes the proceedings of the Corporators of the Alabama Orphans' Home, in connection with this Session of the Convention.

52. The following resolutions, offered by brother Lundy and aiming to secure an increased interest in the Convention, were unanimously adopted:

TO SECURE AN INCREASED INTEREST IN THE CONVENTION.

With the confident belief, that the influence exerted by the Alabama Baptist State Convention is good, and only good, the end and aim being the glory of God and the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and most sincerely believing that much more good would be accomplished if the entire Baptist family of the State could become intimately connected with it—Therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That each and every Association in the State, be earn-

estly requested to send delegates to this body at its next session, and that this, our request, be made known to them.

Resolved, 2. That, to this end, the Secretary be directed to send a copy of the Minutes to the Moderator or Clerk of each Association in the State, whose address he can obtain.

53. Brethren S. Henderson, P. H. Lundy, W. H. McIntosh, I. T. Tichenor, E. T. Smyth, G. E. Brewer, J. J. D. Renfroe, S. C. Hearn, D. W. Gwin and H. C. Townsend, were appointed messengers to the Georgia Baptist Convention.

54. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby heartily tendered to the citizens of this place for their Christian hospitality; to the Presbyterian and Methodist churches for the use of their houses of worship; and to the railroad and steamboat companies that have passed delegates and attendants on this meeting at half price.

55. Brother W. H. McIntosh was appointed to receive the amounts in the hands of the Finance Committee, and pay the same to brother S. H. Fowlkes, Treasurer.

56. Brother Renfroe offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That brethren, in attending the next meeting of this body, be requested to leave home with the expectation of remaining in session at least one day longer than usual.

57. On motion of brother Sturgis, it was

Resolved, That, in future, the Churches and Associations be requested to send to the Convention special contributions for the general expenses of the body,—printing Minutes, &c.,—that the funds contributed otherwise may be left untouched for such purposes.

58. The Committee to audit the Report of the Finance Committee, reported it correct. Both Reports were adopted, and ordered to be printed.

In accordance with Art. 35, the following amounts are annexed by the Secretary to the Report of the Finance Committee:

ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES.	Theological Education	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Total.
Pine Barren Association.....	\$307 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 307 00
Coosa River Association.....	53 00	25 00	81 00	159 00
Central Association.....	.....	.....	31 85	31 85
Alabama Association.....	.....	821 00	236 00	557 00
Talladega Church.....	200 00	.....	.....	200 00
Total....	\$550 00	\$340 00	\$348 85	\$1254 85

FINANCIAL TABLE.

	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Board.	Convention Purposes, Minutes, &c.	Indian Missions.	Ministerial Education	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	Howard College.	Total.
Canaan Association.....	\$ 52 00	\$ 41 72	\$ 06 08	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 92 00
Union Association.....	30 00	30 00	..	..	..	22 95	..	..	130 75
Bigbee Association.....	(1) 50 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60 00
Liberty Association.....	65 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	150 00
Bethlehem Association.....	..	(3) 5 00	..	..	(4) 22 85	..	..	..	65 00
Tuskaloosa Church.....	9 50	(3) 5 50	..	..	..	..	(6) 24 50	..	27 85
Ann Haseltine Society.....	..	55 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	39 50
Sileam Church.....	342 52	124 32	29 78	..	..	7 89	..	..	55 20
Greenville Church.....	2 00	2 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	504 51
Collection in Convention.....	55 00	141 95	(5) 61 25	16 05	217 30	..	205 00	14 81	4 00
Total.....	\$717 74	\$430 05	\$91 03	\$16 05	\$240 15	\$30 84	\$229 50	\$14 81	711 36
Grand Total.....	\$1,770 17								

- (1) One dollar of this amount for German Missions.
 (2) To be expended in Alabama under direction of the Convention.
 (3) For Mrs. Crawford's school.
 (4) For brother Buckner.
 (5) For Stereotyping plate of Library Book, \$26.25.
 (6) To be applied to payment of Bond of Rev. Charles Manly.
 Above is a statement of funds received by Finance Committee.

B. F. SMITH }
 J. B. LOWRY. } Com.

We have examined the Report of the Finance Committee, and find it correct.

ANDREW JAY, }
 C. F. STURGIS. } Auditing Committee.

59. On motion of brother Teague, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay the Secretary \$50, besides defraying all other necessary expenses of the Convention.

60. The President announced the following Committees, to report at the next meeting of the Convention, viz :

Foreign Missions.—W. Wilkes, C. R. Cross and J. A. Collins.

Domestic Missions.—I. T. Tichenor, T. C. Boykin and M. A. Denson.

Education.—D. W. Gwin, E. B. Teague and H. C. Townsend.

Temperance.—W. H. McIntosh, I. B. Vaiden and D. R. Lide.

61. All unfinished business was referred to the Board of Directors.

62. After singing hymn 1008, of the Psalmist, and prayer by brother C. F. Sturgis, the Convention adjourned.

The next meeting is appointed to be held at Opelika, beginning on Friday before the second Lord's day in November, 1870.

S. HENDERSON, *President.*

CHARLES MANLY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. H. FOWLKES, *Treasurer*,*In account with Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

1869.	Dr.	
Nov. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee.....	\$194 70
	Cr.	
Nov. 10.	By J. B. Taylor's receipt.....	\$ 15 00
" "	By W. H. McIntosh's receipt.....	154 70
" "	By Amount retained for Minutes.....	25 00
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		\$194 70—\$194 70

DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT.

1869.	Dr.	
Nov. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee Dom. Mis.....	\$347 38
" "	To cash from Finance Committee Dom. Mis.....	2 50
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		\$349 88
1869.	Cr.	
Jan. 25.	By cash of J. B. Lovelance, Treasurer Do- mestic Mission Board.	\$199 70
1868.		
Nov. 10.	By amount retained for printing Minutes.	50 00
" "	By M. T. Sumner's receipt.....	31 78
" "	By J. H. Foster's receipt.....	53 50
" "	By M. T. Sumner's receipt.....	14 90
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		\$349 88—\$349 88

BIBLICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

1868.	Dr.	
Nov. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee.....	\$72 56
	Cr.	
Nov. 14.	By W. H. McIntosh's receipt.....	\$57 56
" "	By amount retained for Minutes.....	15 00
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		\$72 56—\$72 56

BIBLE CAUSE. /

	Dr.	
Nov. 10.	To cash from Committee.....	\$7 50
1869.	Cr.	
Nov. 10.	By J. B. Lovelace, Treasurer's receipt.....	\$7 50—\$7 50

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Nov. 10.	To Balance.....	\$ 44 45
" "	To cash from Finance Committee.....	1 35
" "	To Am't retained from Domestic Missions for Minutes.	50 50
" "	" " " " Foreign Mission for Minutes...	15 00
" "	" " " " S. School Board for Minutes...	15 00

1869.

Jan. 16.	To cash from St. Francis Street Church, Mobile for Minutes.....	5 00
" "	To cash from Marine Bap't Church, Mobile, for Minutes.	2 00
" "	To balance overpaid by Treasurer.	16 55

\$159 35

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Cr.

Nov. 8.	By balance due Treasurer overpaid on Beneficiary Ac't. See Treasurer's last Report.....	\$ 54 10
May 20.	By cash paid J. J. Toon for printing Minutes.....	105 25

\$159 35—\$159 35

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1869.

Dr.

Dec. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee.....	\$22 76
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Cr.

Dec. 10.	By B. Manly, Treasurer's receipt.....	\$22 76—\$22 76
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MARION, ALA., Nov. 10th, 1869.

To the President and brethren of the Alabama Baptist State Convention :

I herewith submit this my Annual Report, as Treasurer of your body, showing that all the funds sent up to the last Convention, have been paid out to the different objects contemplated by the donors.

You will perceive, in the General Purpose Account, I paid out sixteen dollars and fifty five cents more than I received, which amount is due me by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. FOWLKES, *Treasurer,*
Ala. Bap't State Convention.

We have examined the Treasurer's Report, herewith annexed, and find it correct.

I. T. TICHENOR, }
W. WILKES, } *Auditing Committee.*

BAPTIST MINISTERS IN ALABAMA.

LICENTIATES IN ITALICS.

Adkins, R.	Fayette C. H.	<i>Crow, G. W.</i>	Lebanon.
Aiken, E. T.	Travelers' Rest.	Culverson, H. R.	Gadsden.
Appleton, J. B.	Van Buren.	Curry, J. H.	Carrollton.
Ashcraft, W.	Sipsey Mills.	Curry, W. G.	Burnt Corn.
Atkins, R. M.	Jasper.	Cleveland, W. C.	Carlowville.
Autrey, H. R.	Livingston.	Crumpton, B. H.	Pleasant Hill.
Andrews, A.	Autangville.	Cunibie, J. J.	Honorville.
Avant, W.	Greenville.	Cahn, R.	North Port.
Adams, H.	Pine Hill.	Castleberry, P.	Cropwell.
Bain, J. Y.	Red Hill.	Daniel, L. T.	Clifton.
Baptist, E. G.	Dayton.	Davis, W. W.	Sheffield.
Barbour, T. M.	Tuskaloosa.	Dean, V. H.	Walnut Grove.
<i>Bark, B. R.</i>	Gadsden.	De Loach, J.	Reform.
Barron, A. C.	Tuskegee.	De Witt, L. L.	Choctaw Corner.
Battle, A. J.	Marion.	Duncan, D.	Yorkville.
Beardon, G. W.	Rockford.	Dean, H.	Letohatchie.
Bell, J. E.	Fayette C. H.	Edmunds, P. G.	Bluffport.
Bell, J. E.	Greenville.	Figb, R.	Wetumpka.
Bennet, T.	Garland.	Finnell, J. C.	North Port.
Best, L. A.	Gadsden.	Finney, M.	Russellville.
Bishop, M.	Fort Deposit.	Ford, J. S.	Marion.
Bishop, W. A.	Carthage.	Foster, J. C.	Foster's.
Booth, N. C.	Suggsville.	Foster, J. H.	Tuskaloosa.
Bradford, I.	Russellville.	Fox, L. L.	McKinley.
<i>Braddy, H.</i>	Providence.	Freeman, S. R.	Marion.
Brewer, G. E.	Island Home.	Fulmer, J. W.	Hanover.
Brown, J.	North Port.	<i>Furman, R.</i>	Tuskaloosa.
Brown, P. W.	Oswitchee.	Fonville, J. A.	Letohatchie.
Browne, G. Y.	Tuscumbia.	Foster, J. C.	Choctaw Corner.
Bryan, W. H.	Tuscumbia.	Falconer, J.	Montgomery.
Buck, C. W.	Pashmataha.	Glazner, J. H.	Alpine.
Bryers, J. L.	Bluff Spring.	Gordon, L. H.	Hatchchubbee.
Brunner, J. F.	Farmersville.	<i>Gray, J.</i>	Gadsden.
Barton, W. S.	Montgomery.	Gregory, C.	Wetumpka.
Bailey, T. M.	Benton.	Grimes, J.	Elyton.
Caldwell, J. R.	Tuskegee.	Guttry, J.	Jasper.
Campbell, W. H.	Bladen Springs.	Gunn, J.	DeCatur.
Carden, J. H. R.	Columbiana.	Guttry, R.	Holley Grove.
Carson, W.	Carrollton.	Gwin, D. W.	Montgomery.
Carmichael, G. W.	New Market.	Gwin, T. P.	Alexandria.
Carpenter, J. M.	Palmetto.	Hall, J. B.	Wakefield.
Carroll, D.	Arkadelphia.	Hanks, A. M.	Carrollton.
Carroll, W. H.	Union Springs.	Harbin, L. B.	Sheffield.
Carter, J. E.	Huntsville.	Harden, A. J.	New Market.
Cutlett, J. F.	Goshen.	Hardie, E. B.	
Chambliss, D. W.	Russellville.	Harlan, H. L.	Pinckneyville.
Chandler, W. N.	Cave Creek.	<i>Harrison, J. R.</i>	White Plains.
Chism, J. M.	Palmetto.	<i>Hasty, J. L.</i>	Marble Valley.
Cline, E.	Belleville.	Hearn, S. C.	Opelika.
Cloud, J. J.	Shorter's Depot.	Henderson, S.	Fayetteville.
Cobb, A. P.	Ashville.	High, J. W.	Coloma.
Colley, J. H.	Equality.	Hightower, W.	Moulton.
Collins, J. A.	Cropwell.	Hildreth, S.	Carrollton.
Cook, J. F.	Brooklyn.	Hill, J.	Bradford.
Couch, A. B.	Mobile.	Hill, J. A.	Selma.
Cox, J. E.	Jasper.	Hobson, F. M.	Scottsville.
Cox, R. S.	North Port.	Hodges, S. H.	Hoke's Bluff.

Holcombe, T. P.	Montevallo.	Montgomery, P. S.	Ashville.
Holeman, J. C.	Centre.	Milner, P. S.	Georgiana.
Hollinsworth, J.	Carrollton.	Moore, W. H.	Coloma.
Howell, E.	Fayette C. H.	Morris, M.	Marble Valley.
Huguly, W. B.	Crawford.	Morrow, W. C.	Evergreen.
Hickson, R.	Grove Hill.	Moses, F. H.	Youngville.
Hill, W.	Grove Hill.	Mountain, W. E.	Pleasant Gap.
Hare, C. W.	Newton Academy.	Muhens, B. E.	Jasper.
Inzer, R. W.	Ashville.	Musgrove, P. M.	Blountsville.
Jay, A.	Evergreen.	Mynatt, G.	Sulphur Springs.
Jenkins, S. G.	Silver Run.	Mynatt, W. C.	Sulphur Springs.
Jennings, B.	Kennedale.	Mynatt, J. B.	Sulphur Springs.
Jennings, B. J.	Russelville.	Miles, T. J.	Pine Level.
Johnson, G. D.	Greensport.	Nelson, J.	Weogucka.
Jolly, A.	Van Buren.	Newman, J. M.	Montgomery.
Jones, H.	Rockford.	Olive, P.	Wetumpka.
Jones, J. C.	Newtonville.	Owen, M. C.	Davis' Creek.
Jones, R.	North Port.	Parker, J.	Pleasant Grove.
Jones, W. L.	Davis' Creek.	Parker, W. J.	Choctaw Corner.
Jackson, B. A.	Pine Level.	Parkerson, J. J.	Waldo.
Kenton, E.	Howell's X Roads.	Penn, W.	Duck Springs.
Ker, J. D.	Russelville.	Pomeroy, C.	Florence.
King, A. M.	Fayette C. H.	Porter, J. F.	White Plains.
Kinton, M. J.	Valley Head.	Purcell, H. H.	Turkeytown.
Kone, W. W.	Courtland.	Peebles, .	Cambridge.
Kidd, W. W.	Kymulga.	Rains, A. G.	Nixburg.
Kidd, J. M.	Harpersville.	Read, E. T.	Jacksonville.
Lambert, A. J.	Mt. Pleasant.	Reeve, J. A.	Duck Springs.
Land, J. M.	Pickensville.	Regan, M. W.	Providence.
Lang, T. J.	Greenville.	Renfro, J. J. D.	Talladega.
Lattimore, J. L.	Moulton.	Revil, J. L.	Crawford.
Lawrence, O.	Blountsville.	Richey, P.	Greensport.
Lee, J. P.	Pickensville.	Roley, L. D.	Salem.
Lennon, T. W.	Coloma.	Rock, J.	Lebanon.
Little, A. R.	Avoca.	Roberts, J. C.	Landersville.
Little, G. W.	Russelville.	Ryan, J. K.	Cuba.
Livingston, W. W.	Gayleville.	Roberts, H.	Pleasant Grove.
Lloyd, W. E.	Auburn.	Ray, J. H.	Benton.
Lundy, P. H.	Greenville.	Scarborough, A. R.	Livingston.
Lykes, G. M.	Providence.	Scott, J. A.	White Plains.
Lee, D.	Mt. Willing.	Shackelford, J.	Tuscumbia.
Lockhart, J. C. R.	Greenville.	Shaffer, J. P.	County Line.
Lloyd, W. W.	Greenville.	Shirley, B. V.	Pilgrim's Rest.
Malone, J. R.	Mobile.	Skipper, B.	Central Institute.
Manasco, D.	Holly Grove.	Smith, B. T.	Central Institute.
Manly, C.	Tuskaloosa.	Smith, J.	Bellville.
Mann, J. D.	Moulton.	Smith, J. R.	Avoca.
Martin, E.	Cave Creek.	Smith, M. P.	Union.
Martin, T. M.	Clear Creek Falls.	Smith, S. A.	Jasper.
Mason, N.	Union Springs.	Smyth, E. T.	Oxford.
Mason, W. A.		Spalding, A. M.	Gadsden.
McCaun, W.	Lincoln.	Spaulding, H. T.	Gadsden.
McCuskey, J. G.	Point Jackson.	Spear, S. W.	Buyckville.
McHan, W.	Arkadelphia.	Spillar, A. A.	Pickensville.
McIntosh, W. H.	Marlon.	Springer, R.	Slipsey Turnpike.
McWilliams, J.	Monroeville.	Stanton, O. A.	Auburn.
Miles, C. J.	Choctaw Corner.	Stanton, W. H.	Hatchabuboe.
Miller, W. J.	Oregonia.	Steely, J. N.	Rockford.
Minton, S.	Ladiga.	Stanton, S. M.	Dayton.

Stephens, B. M.	Arkadelphia.	Whaley, W.	Blount's Springs.
Stephenson, F. D.	Danville.	White, B.	Dadeville.
Stewart, R.	Wetumpka.	Willhite, C. D.	Blount's Springs.
Stone, L. M., Jr.	Pickensville.	Willhite, D. W.	Cedar Plains.
Sturgis, C. F.	Camden.	Wilkes, W.	Fayetteville.
Sumner, M. T.	Marion.	Wilkins, R. B.	Reform.
Smith, J. W.	Jefferson.	Williams, A. D. E.	Houston.
Taylor, J. W.	Carrollton.	Williams, B.	Blount's Springs.
Teague, E. B.	Selma.	Williamson, D. C.	Brooksville.
Thomas, N.	Point Jackson.	Williams, D. P.	White Plains.
Thomas, R. M.	Grove Hill.	Williams, G. F.	Mobile.
Thompson, J. A. M.	Bladen Springs.	Williams, J. D.	Wetumpka.
Thompson, J. N.	Cedar Plains.	Williams, J. W.	Salem.
Thompson, J. P.	Tuskaloosa.	Williams, N. H.	Scottsville.
Townsend, H. C.	Montgomery.	Willis, J. M.	Wetumpka.
Trotter, J. R.	Gadsden.	Wilson, E.	Centre.
Tucker, W. H.	Shiloh.	Wilson, W.	Centre.
Thornton, C. L.	Brooklyn.	Witt, J.	Centre.
Terrell, P. F.	Carrollton.	Witt, S.	Coloma.
Underwood, G. W.	Bladen Springs.	Wood, J. W.	Marble Valley.
Vaiden, I. B.	Marion.	Woodfin, A. P.	Mobile.
Vaughn, C. C.	Gaston.	Woodward, W.	Pelham.
Verser, M. A.	Apple Grove.	Wooten, J. S.	Providence.
Vincent, J. C.	Russellville.	Wright, J. C.	Eutaw.
Waldrop, A. J.	Rockville.	Wright, W.	Gadsden.
Walker, H. H.	Dadeville.	Williams, Z.	Brooklyn.
Watkins, W.	North Port.	Wood, M.	Clairborne.
Watts, J. J.	Jasper.	Worthy, A. S.	Troy.
Weatherly, J. H.	Bradford.	Yerby, J. T.	Tuskaloosa.
Welch, O.	Alpine.		

☞ This list is far from being complete. Will not the Clerk of each Association, or some other brother, send the Secretary of the Convention a copy of the Minutes of his Association, each year, as soon as they are issued?

☞ If any one can furnish the Secretary of the Convention with a copy of the Minutes of the Convention for 1826 and 1828, a *very great favor will be conferred*. If desired, the Minutes will be returned as soon as a copy can be made.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known by the name of "The Baptist State Convention of Alabama;" and shall be composed of delegates from Baptist Associations and Churches, and from Missionary or other Benevolent Societies; provided that such delegates shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing.

ART. 2. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, together with a Board of Directors, as hereinafter named, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ART. 3. The President, or in case of his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, in their order, shall preside at all deliberations of the Convention, and discharge the duties usually imposed upon an executive officer of deliberative bodies.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall make a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention, and soon after the rising of each regular meeting of the body, shall attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes of the same, of which he shall preserve a file—which file shall constitute the authentic record of the Convention. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the body. For his services he may receive a reasonable compensation.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Convention, and hold the same subject to the order of this body, or of the Board of Directors during the recess of the Convention; and he shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

ART. 6. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, with nine other brethren, shall compose the Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum authorized to transact any business of the Convention during the recess thereof, and shall report their proceedings at each annual meeting of the Convention.

ART. 7. The President shall have power to call a meeting of the Board whenever the exigency of circumstances may, in his judgment, require the same.

ART. 8. The business of this Convention shall be, to encourage and promote, by all proper means, the following objects, viz: Foreign, Domestic and Indian Missions; Bible Translation and Distribution; The Publication and Distribution of Religious Books, Tracts and Periodicals; Sunday Schools; The Education of the Youth of the country, and especially that of Ministers of the Gospel; and all other objects sanctioned in the Gospel: *Provided*, that such persons only as are in indigent circumstances, shall be received as beneficiaries of the institutions of learning under the patronage of the Convention; *Provided further*, that all applicants for aid shall undergo an examination as to their hope in Christ and call to the Ministry, by the Board of Directors, or a Committee, appointed by the same, before they are accepted as beneficiaries.

ART. 9. The Convention shall have the supreme control of any Literary or Theological Institution, which has been, or may hereafter be

originated in this body; and it shall choose for such Institution a Board of twenty-four Trustees, to serve for six years; of whom one third shall go out of office biennially, seven of whom shall form a quorum, authorized to transact business; and the said Trustees shall, on all occasions, be subject to the control of the Convention, and make an annual report to this body on the state of such Institution.

ART. 10. The Convention may receive funds from all such persons as may be disposed to aid in any of the benevolent purposes mentioned in the eighth article, and it shall faithfully apply funds contributed, to the objects which may be designated by the donors—a portion, however, being taken *pro rata* from the same for contingent expenses, in the event of the insufficiency of the general fund for that purpose.

ART. 11. The Convention may employ agents, whose duty it shall be to make collections, obtain subscriptions from societies, solicit Churches and Associations to unite with the Convention, and to further all the objects of this body.

ART. 12. The Convention shall have power to send delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and to any other assembly with which, in its wisdom, it may wish to communicate.

ART. 13. The Convention shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall, from time to time, appoint.

ART. 14. Any Church, Association or Society, as prescribed in the first article, contributing any sum, through the Convention, to one or more of the objects specified in the eighth article, may be represented in this body, as follows: Each Association may have ten delegates, and each Church or Benevolent Society, five.

ART. 15. Any individual member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, may be voted a life member, by the contribution of \$100, at one time, to any of the objects of the Convention. The Convention may, at its pleasure, vote any brother a life member, in consideration of long and eminent services.

ART. 16. The funds of this Convention shall consist of voluntary contributions or donations, and not otherwise.

ART. 17. The Convention disclaims all right of exercising authority over any Church or Association, hereby acknowledging that every Church is independent, and, within its own sphere, is accountable to no body of men on earth.

ART. 18. This Constitution may be altered or amended, by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any annual meeting, but not so as to infringe the 17th article.

ART. 19. All amendments or alterations of this Constitution shall be proposed at one session, and acted upon at the next.

Instead of prescribing distinct RULES OF ORDER, "*Mell's Parliamentary Practice*," so far as applicable, was adopted by the Convention for governing its deliberations.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Orphans' Home Association,
OF THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA.

OXFORD, Nov. 15th, 1869.

At a meeting of the Association, called by the Board of Directors, Rev. S. Henderson was requested to occupy the Chair, and Rev. P. H. Lundy to act as Secretary, *pro tempore*.

1. The Association proceeded to elect its officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Rev. I. T. Tichenor, *President*; Rev. A. Jay, *1st. Vice President*; Hon. L. W. Lawler, *2d Vice President*; Rev. S. Henderson, *Secretary*; Abner Williams, Esq., *Treasurer*; Jon. Haralson, Esq., *Auditor*.

2. Another Board of Directors was appointed, consisting of brethren A. J. Waldrop, S. Henderson, I. T. Tichenor, T. C. Boykin and J. J. D. Renfro, to whom all business was referred.

3. At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held at 7½ P. M., and at which all the members were present, it was

Resolved, That, in view of the encouraging facts made known to the Board, an effort be made to raise \$25,000.00 for the purpose of establishing an Orphans' Home in Alabama.

Rev. J. A. Hill was appointed General Agent for soliciting funds, and was requested to enter the field as soon as possible.

I. T. TICHENOR, *President*.

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